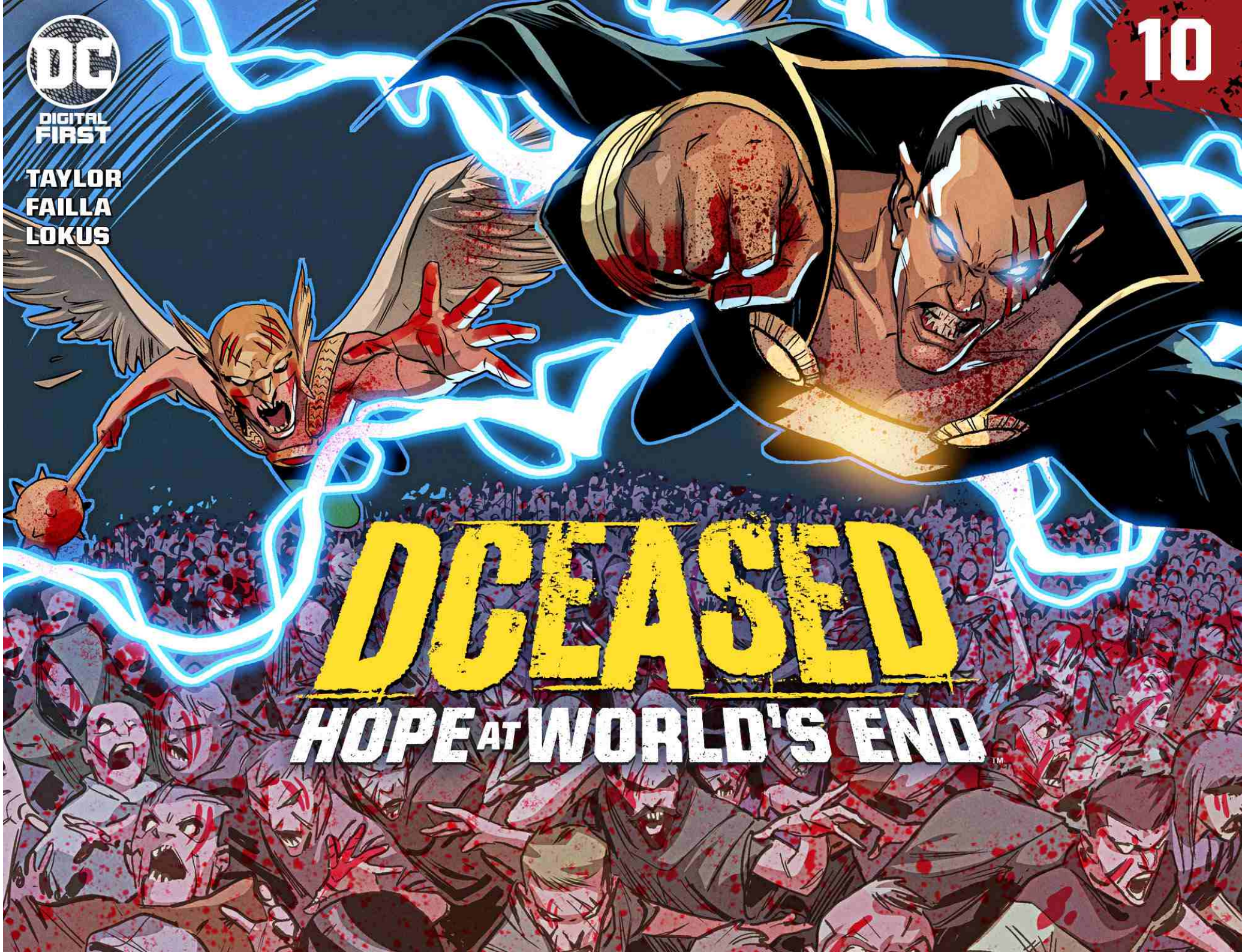
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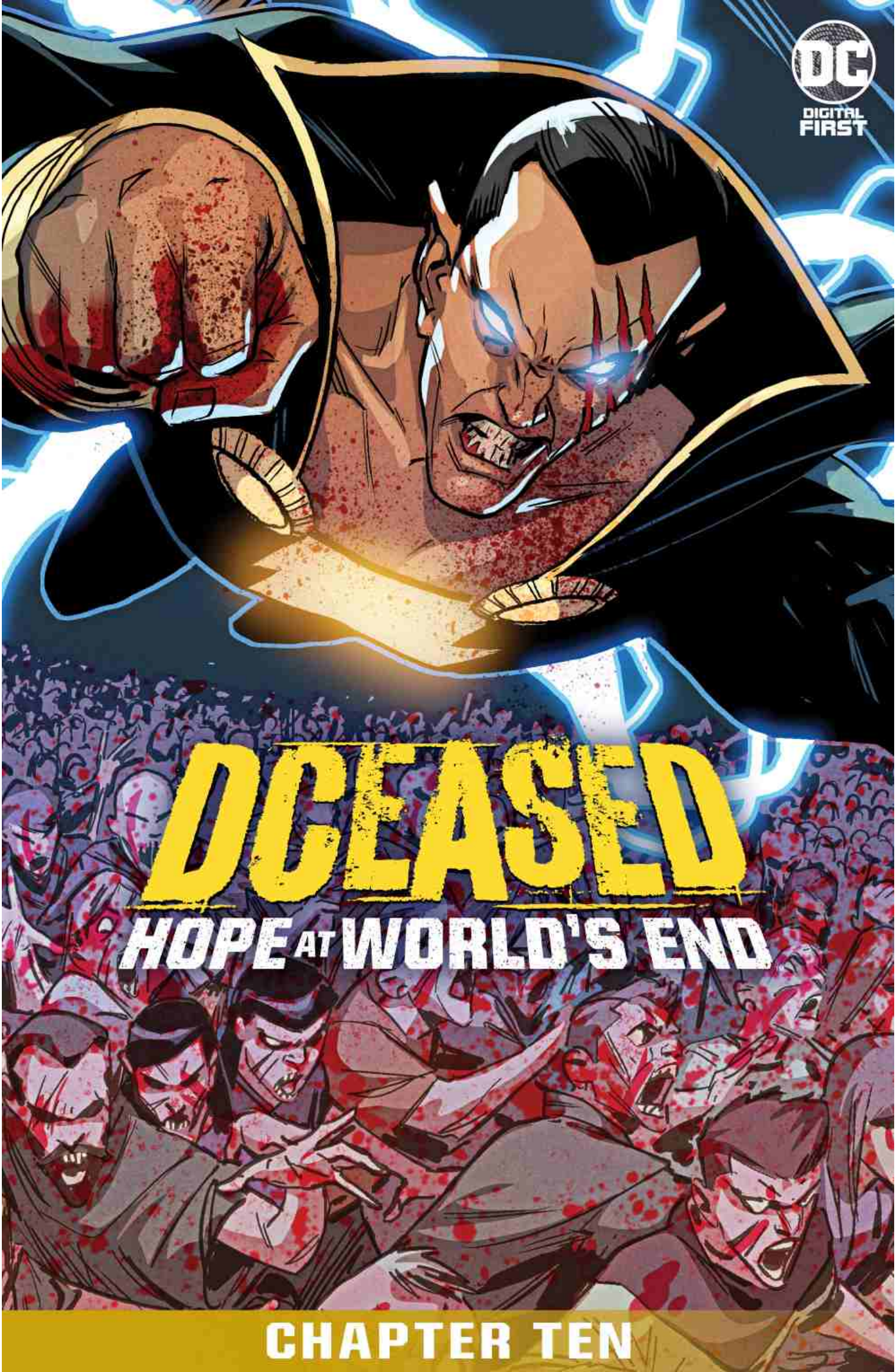
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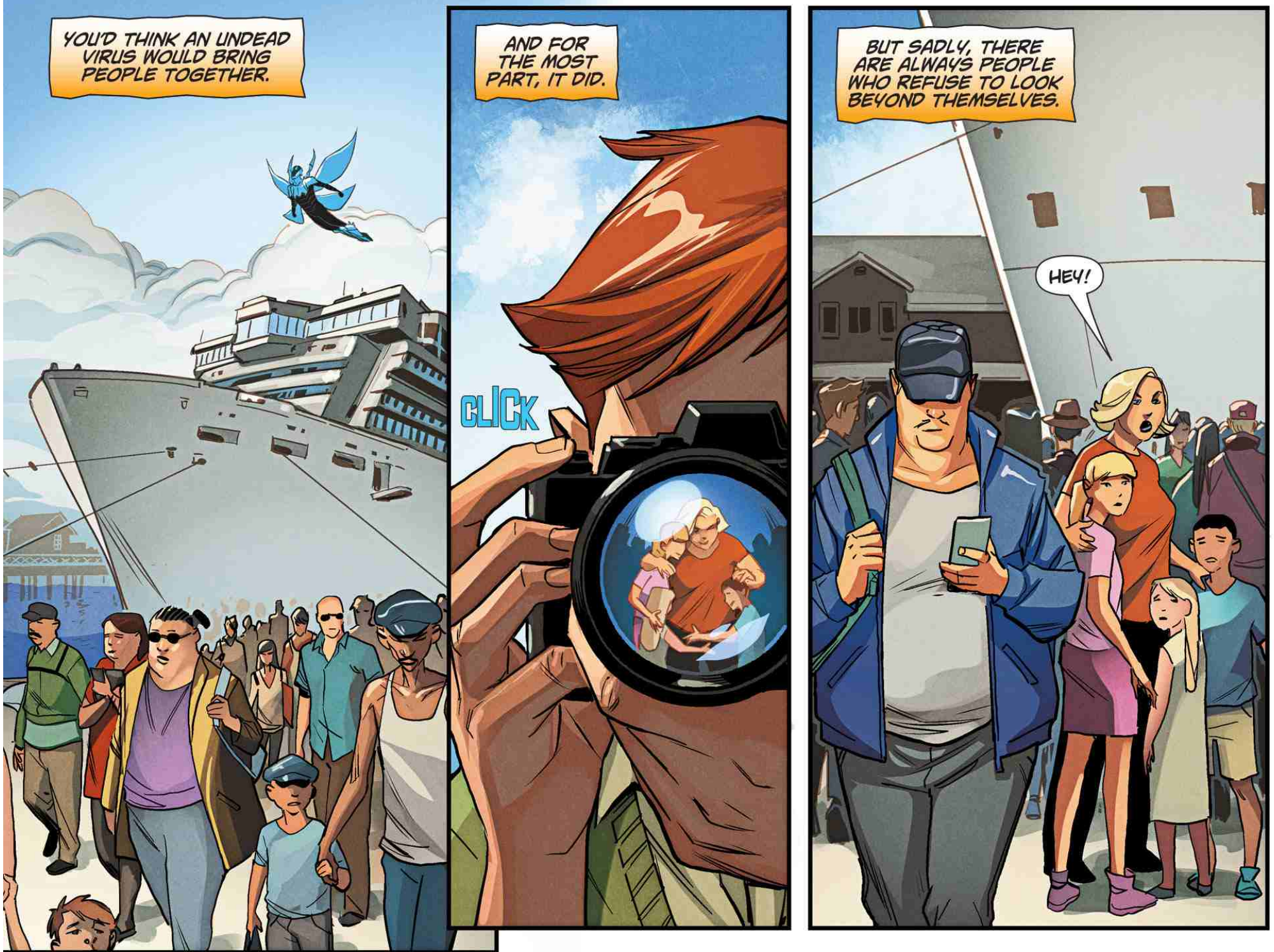
YOU'D THINK AN UNDEAD VIRUS WOULD BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER.
AND FOR THE MOST PART, IT DID.
CLICK
BUT SADLY, THERE ARE ALWAYS PEOPLE WHO REFUSE TO LOOK BEYOND THEMSELVES.
HEY!

GET RID OF THAT!
DON'T TELL ME WHAT TO DO, LADY. THERE'S NO INTERNET.
YOU COULD HAVE DOWNLOADED THE THING BEFORE THE INTERNET WENT DOWN. THE RULE IS NO SCREENS FOR A REAS--
YOU SERIOUSLY SO STUPID YOU THINK THIS THING CAME FROM OUR PHONES?
WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU? I SAID GET RID OF THAT!
AND I SAID DON'T TELL ME WHAT TO DO, LADY.
BANG!

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WE'RE FIGHTING THE UNDEAD.
WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO FIGHT IGNORANCE, TOO.
THE YOUNGER HEROES WERE CHARGED WITH KEEPING THE PEACE ON NANTUCKET.
THE KIDS ARGUED AGAINST THIS ASSIGNMENT. IT WAS PRETTY OBVIOUS THE ADULTS ONLY PUT THEM ON AN ISLAND TO KEEP THEM SAFE.
YOU SCARED OF THIS, KID?
BUT THEY CERTAINLY HAD SOME PEACE TO KEEP THERE.
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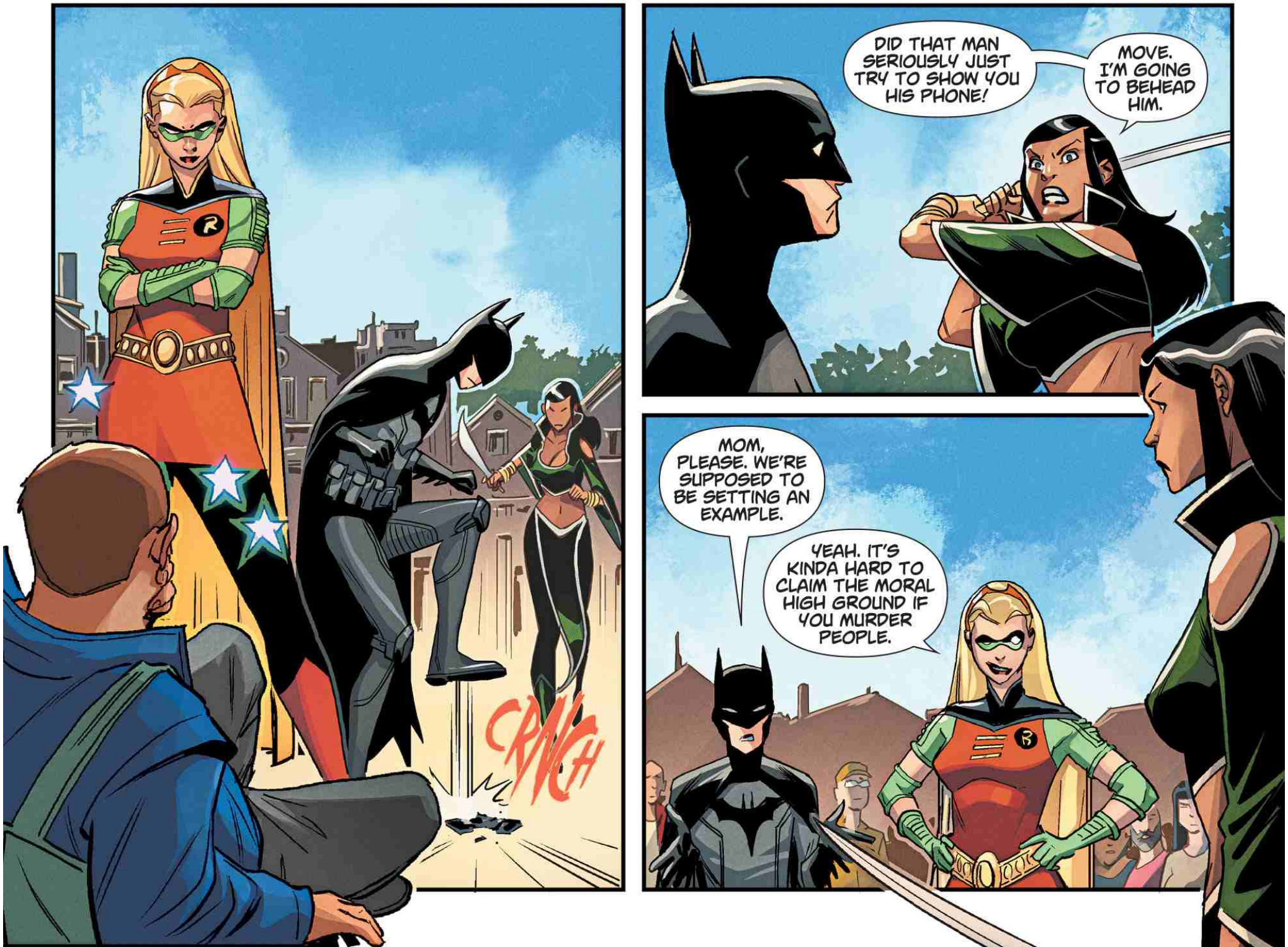
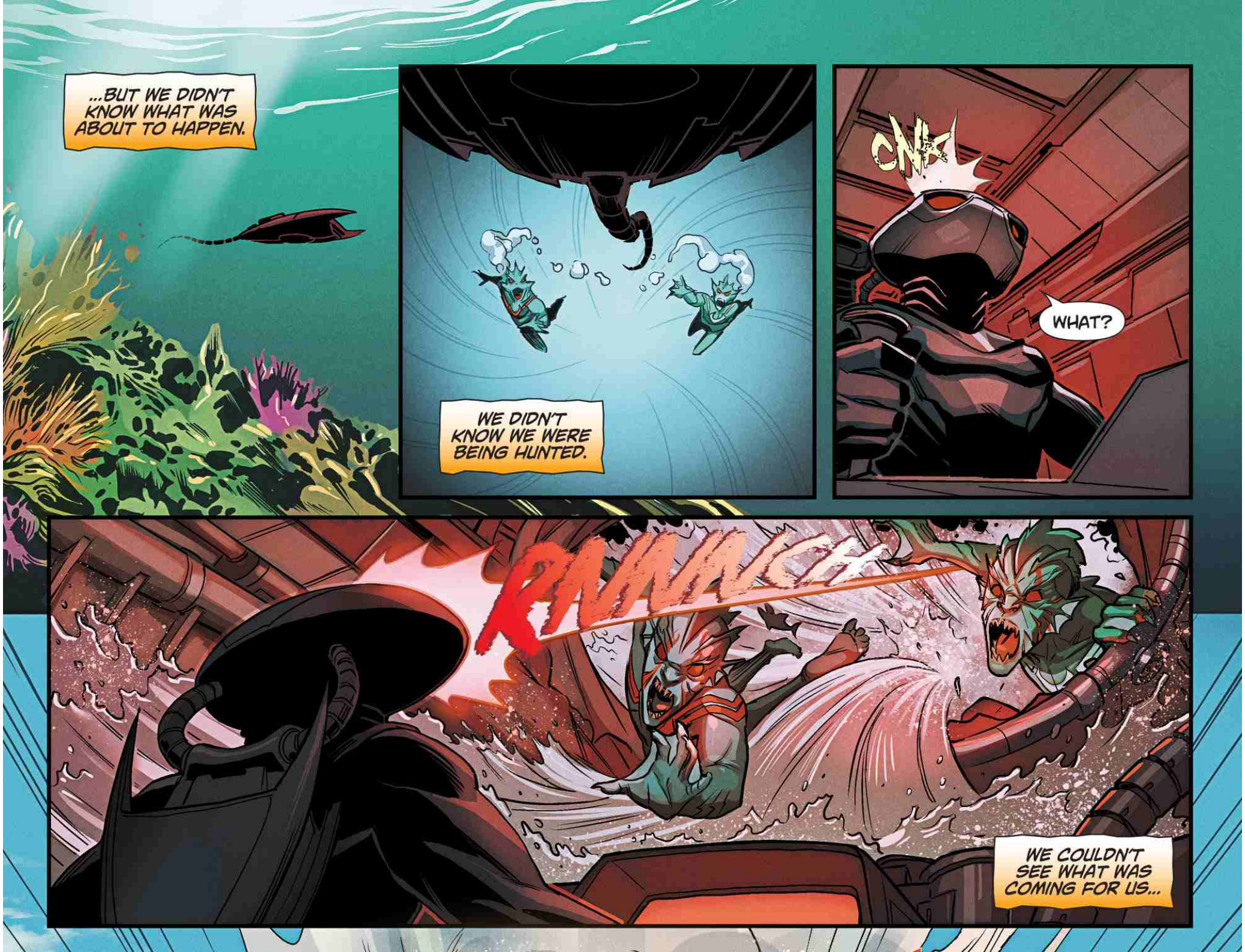

CRUNCH
DID THAT MAN SERIOUSLY JUST TRY TO SHOW YOU HIS PHONE!
MOVE. I'M GOING TO BEHEAD HIM.
MOM, PLEASE. WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE SETTING AN EXAMPLE.
YEAH. IT'S KINDA HARD TO CLAIM THE MORAL HIGH GROUND IF YOU MURDER PEOPLE.

NANTUCKET ISLAND WAS SET UP AS A PROCESSING AREA. REFUGEES WERE BROUGHT THERE FROM ALL OVER NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA.
IT WAS KNOWN AS THE GATEWAY TO THE GARDEN.
FROM NANTUCKET, SURVIVORS WOULD BE SEEN AND ASSESSED, AND TO BE SAFE, GREEN CANARY WOULD ONLY TAKE A FEW HUNDRED AT A TIME...
NEXT GROUP IS INCOMING.
...TO THE GOTHAM GARDEN.

POISON IVY'S SANCTUARY.
RED! NEW FRIENDS. DO YOU WANT TO WELCOME THEM?
NO. AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO ASK EVERY TIME. MY ANSWER WILL NEVER CHANGE.
FINE. I WILL CONTINUE BEING ENTHUSIASTIC FOR BOTH OF US.
THERE WAS A DAY WHEN IT FELT LIKE THE PLAN WAS WORKING...


...BUT WE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WAS ABOUT TO HAPPEN.
WE DIDN'T KNOW WE WERE BEING HUNTED.
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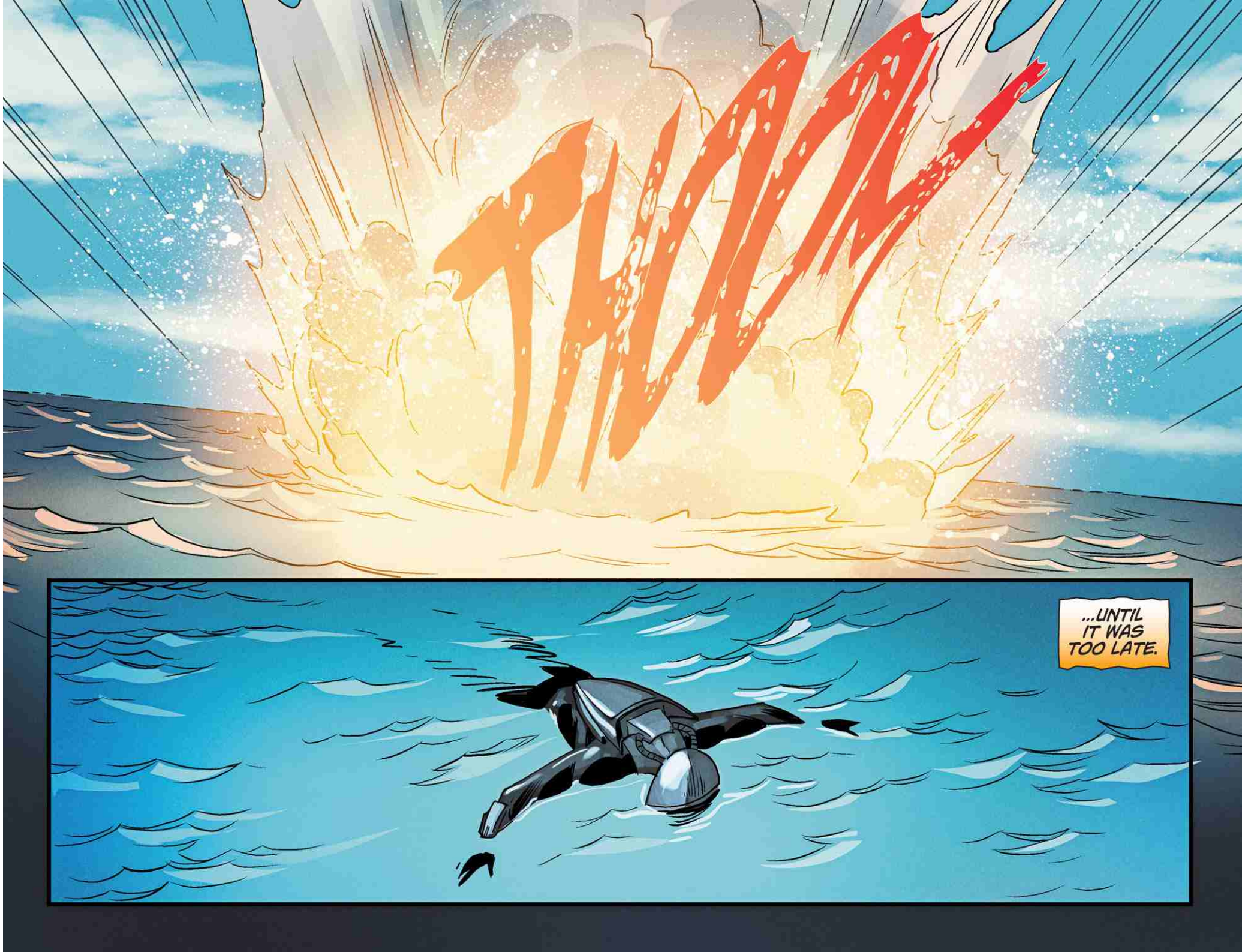
WHAT?
RWWWR
WE COULDN'T SEE WHAT WAS COMING FOR US...


...UNTIL IT WAS TOO LATE.

SWISH
IS BLACK MANTA BREATHING?
YEP.
IS HE UNDEAD?
NOPE.

IS HE STILL AN EVIL @#$%?
LET'S FIND OUT.
HEY, BLACK MANTA.
CAN YOU HEAR ME? ARE YOU OKAY?

KNOCK
CASSIE!

OW.
SERIOUSLY? YOU REALLY WANT TO MAKE MORE TROUBLE?
WE KIND OF HAVE ENOUGH OF THAT.
OKAY, I'M AT LEAST BEHEADING THIS ONE.

NO DECAPITATING.
TUNK
YOUR COMPASSION GOES TOO FAR.
I'VE DEALT WITH BLACK MANTA BEFORE. DAVID HYDE IS RUTHLESS, SADISTIC, AND ENTIRELY OUT FOR HIMSELF. HE WILL NEVER JOIN YOUR SIDE.
THERE ARE ONLY TWO SIDES NOW.
THE LIVING AND THE ANTI-LIVING.

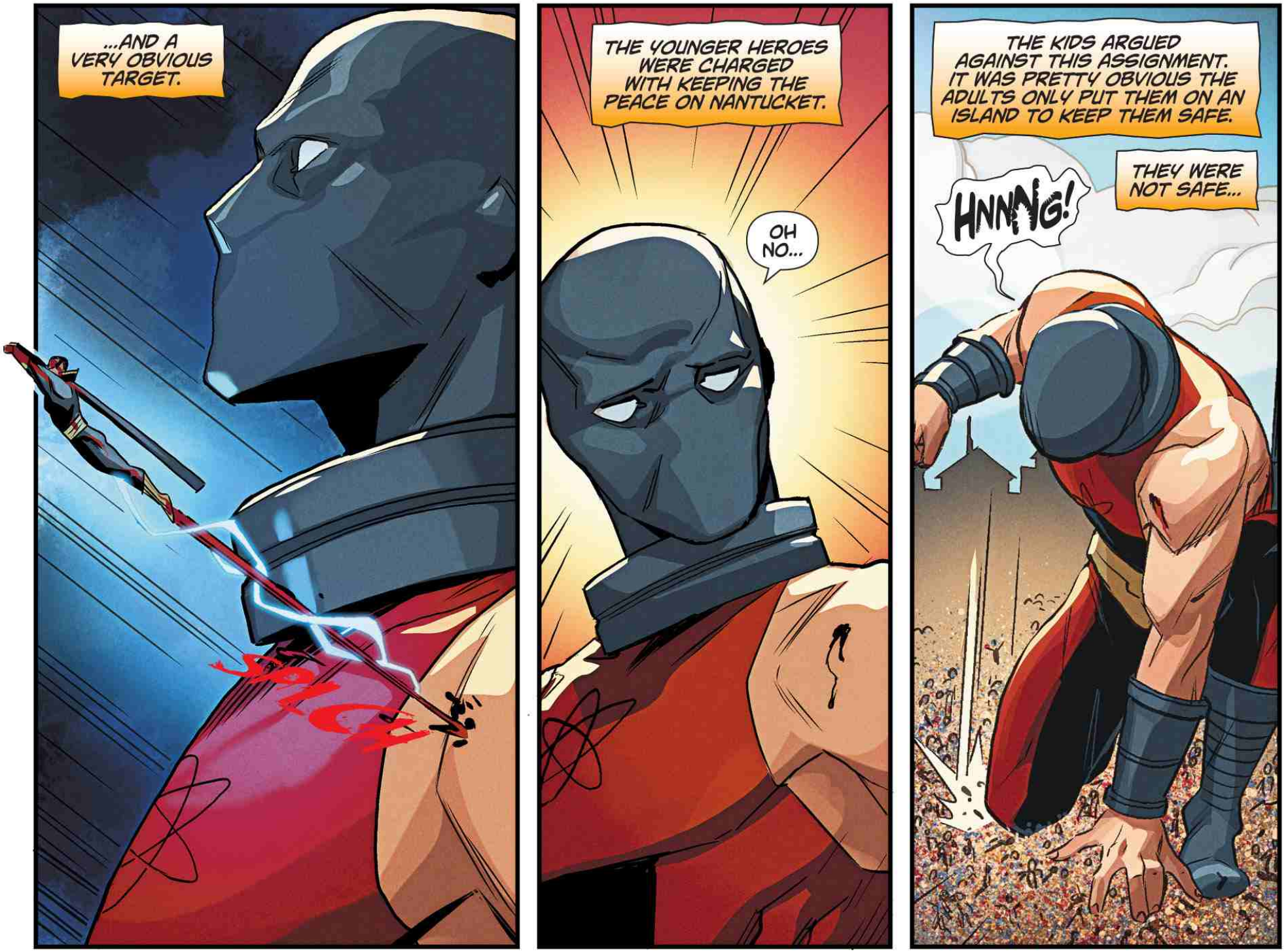
I'M LEAVING.
SURE. GO BE TOTALLY BY YOURSELF IN A WORLD FULL OF LIVING DEATH. THAT'LL END WELL.
DAVID.
JON KENT HAS THAT SAME THING HIS FATHER HAS.
WHEN HE SPEAKS, PEOPLE BELIEVE HIM.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO FACE WHAT'S OUT THERE ALONE.
STAY. WE COULD USE YOU HERE.
I LIKE TO THINK HE GOT THROUGH TO BLACK MANTA IN THAT MOMENT, BUT WE'LL NEVER KNOW.

BECAUSE THAT WAS THE MOMENT THE WORLD TORE OPEN...

...AND THE ANTI-LIVING ARMY SWARMED OUT OF THE LAND OF NIGHTSHADES.

PROTECT THE REFUGEES!
AIIGH!
ALBERT, PUSH THEM BACK!
ATOM SMASHER'S DENSITY, WEIGHT, AND STRENGTH INCREASED AS HE GREW.

HIS SIZE MADE HIM FORMIDABLE...
...VIRTUALLY UNSTOPPABLE...
KOOOM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THEY WERE NOT SAFE...
HNNNG!

...THEY WERE TRAPPED AT GROUND ZERO.
NARRGGH!
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